

Other Comments:

I am very concerned about this idea of a broadcast flag. I don't have the technical knowledge to know whether and how it would interfere with what the public can currently do, but I would request that the FCC be very diligent in protecting us in this respect.

I think the most important concern here is the limitations on our creativity. Let's not make these technologies be only about what can be sold, but also about the forms of art we create ourselves, share and enjoy.

Copyright is not just about intellectual property but also about the right of the public to access to ideas, knowledge and art. Please protect this part of copyright for the public.

I am an academic who studies television. For my scholarly work, I need liberal fair use guidelines and technologies that enable them, in order to analyze these powerful elements of society. I also sometimes study viewers who don't just sit passively and consume tv, but who enter into creative engagements with it. I think we need as a society to make this more possible, not less. I think we need to enable ourselves as members of the public to be active creators of culture.

I also believe that in the long run makers of technologies and cultural products like music, tv, films, will actually be financially benefited by promoting freedom to create, rather than limitations upon creation. Control is not always the most profitable form of public management.

The airwaves and other elements used by broadcasters belong to the public, not to private interests. The FCC should speak for the public and protect the public's interests. Please remember that copyright is about the right of the public to access to ideas and creativity, and that that is at least as important as property rights.

Sincerely,